



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge **2020-21 Youth-Only Hunting Program**

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) offers hunting opportunities annually that are open only to youth hunters. These hunts do not require the purchase of the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit; however, youth hunters must obtain a free hunt permit from the refuge headquarters prior to hunting. Permits may be requested Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by phone (843-226-5738) or by email (Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov). These hunt permits are non-transferable and are valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit. Each permit must include the name and signature of the supervising adult, and a new permit must be obtained any time there is a change in the name of the supervising adult.

There are two quota youth hunts that require a lottery drawing; the youth waterfowl hunt and the youth turkey hunt & learn weekend. To be entered into the drawing for either of these hunts, the appropriate hunt application must be submitted by the specified deadline, and a \$5 application fee will be charged. Separate information packets and applications may be requested by phone (843-226-5738) or email (Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov) or downloaded from the refuge website (<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/hunting.html>).

Age Requirements: Hunters participating in the general youth hunting must be 15 years of age or under. Hunters age 17 and under may apply for the quota youth waterfowl hunt and youth turkey "Hunt & Learn".

Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult at all times. During the youth waterfowl, mourning dove, and small game hunts, the adult may supervise two youths; during all other refuge hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth. Adult supervisors are not required to have valid state hunting licenses or refuge hunt permits.

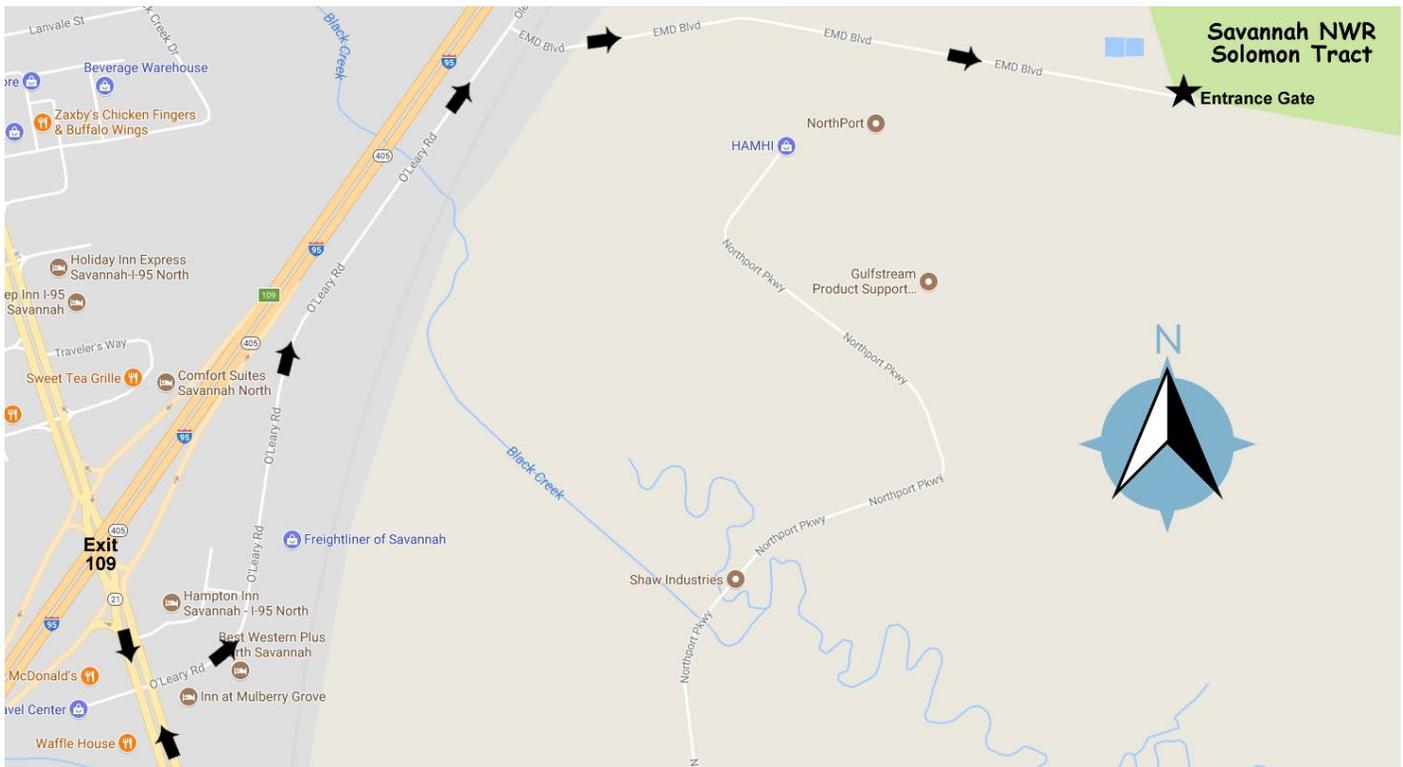
All youth hunts (with the exception of the youth waterfowl, youth turkey Hunt & Learn, and youth-only early turkey season) take place on the Savannah NWR's Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff), which is located in Chatham County, Georgia. The map included in this information packet provides an aerial view of the Solomon Tract, and a vicinity map with directions to the entrance gate accessible from GA Hwy 21. Youth supervisors are cautioned that private property bordering the refuge is closed to hunting; be familiar with signs that mark the refuge boundary.

Check-in/check-out is not required for non-quota youth hunting at the Solomon Tract or youth-only early turkey season. Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Access to the Solomon Tract is not permitted by boat; access at the designated entrance is permitted by foot and bicycle only.

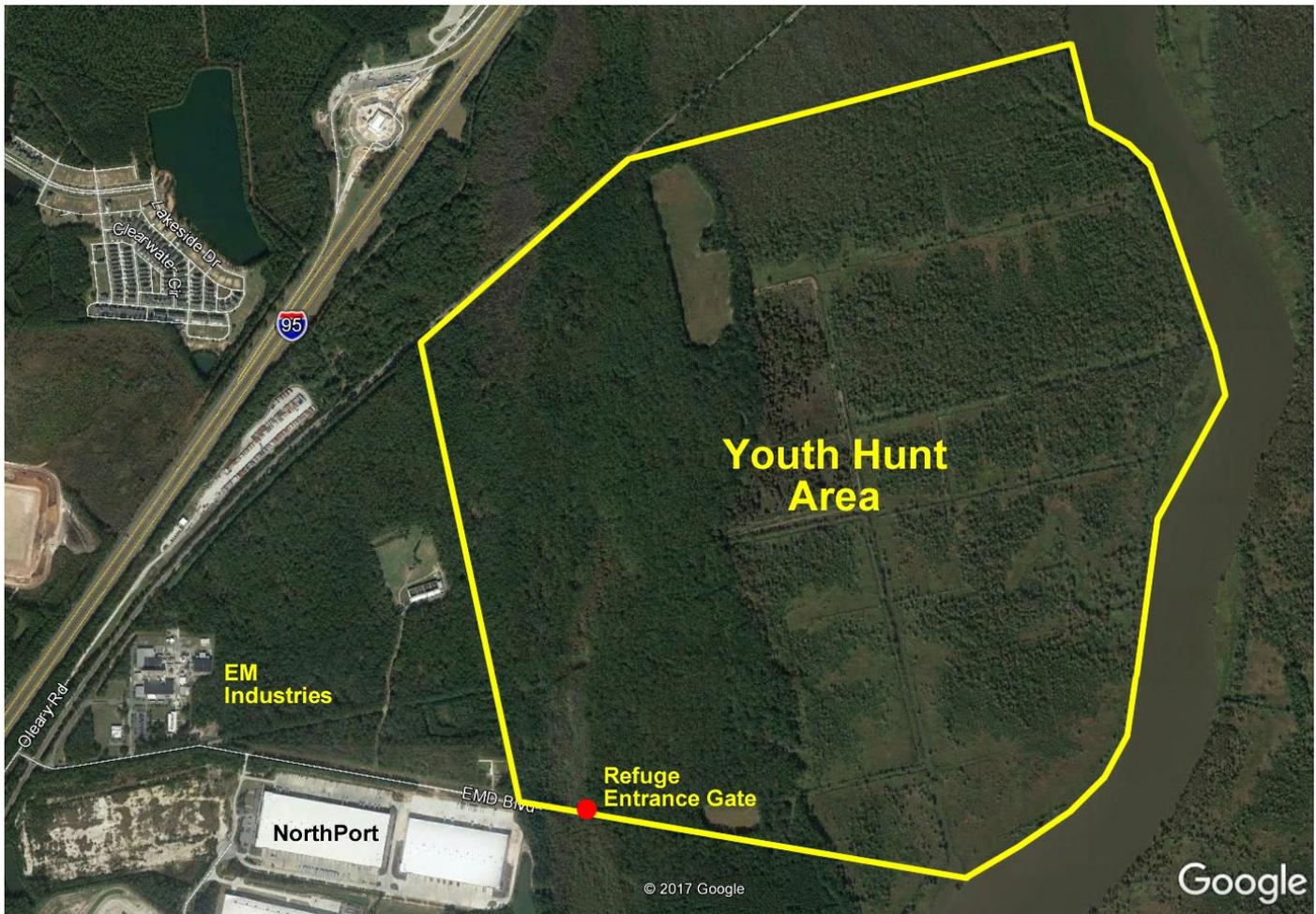
Dogs are only allowed for waterfowl hunting. Dogs and other pets are not permitted on the refuge at any other time.

Youth hunters and their adult supervisors are required to read and follow all regulations contained with the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations. These regulations can be downloaded from the refuge website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/hunting.html> or requested via email to Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov.

Solomon Tract Directional Map



Solomon Tract Youth Hunt Area Map



State hunting regulations, seasons, methods of take, bag limits, and license/tag requirements apply to all hunting on the refuge, unless stated otherwise in the table below:

Hunt Type	Season Dates	Method of Take	Bag Limit	Hunt Unit(s)	Other Regulations
Deer			5 deer (no more than 2 antlered)	Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Turkey – Hunt & Learn Weekend (Quota)	March 26 – 28, 2021	Non-toxic ammunition required		Designated areas in GA and SC	Application required by February 15, 2021 Open to hunters 17 and under Check-in required State regulations apply
Turkey	March 29 – April 2, 2021 (Youth-only days refuge wide)	Non-toxic ammunition required		North Tract – GA North of I-95 North Tract – GA South of I-95 South Tract - GA North Tract – SC North of I-95 North Tract – SC South of I-95 South Tract – SC Solomon Tract	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Turkey	April 3 – 30, 2021	Non-toxic ammunition required		Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Squirrel & Rabbit		Non-toxic ammunition required		Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply

Raccoon & Opossum		Non-toxic ammunition required		Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Mourning Dove		Non-toxic ammunition required		Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Waterfowl				Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply
Waterfowl (Quota)	November 14, 2020 December 19, 2020 January 9, 2021			North Impoundments (Youth Only)	Application required by September 30, 2020 Open to hunters 17 and under Check-in required State regulations apply
Feral Hog, Coyote, Beaver & Armadillo	January 1 – March 20, 2021 AND Incidental take on all scheduled refuge hunts			Solomon Tract (Youth Only)	Youth hunt permit required Open to hunters 15 and under State regulations apply

In addition to all of the youth-only hunting opportunities listed in this document, youth hunters are also permitted to hunt with an adult supervisor during any general public refuge hunt.